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## Missouri Public Service Commission

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### **PSC SETS SCHEDULE IN MISSOURI GAS ENERGY RATE CASE**

Jefferson City—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in mid-December in a natural gas rate case filed by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE). **Hearings are scheduled for December 11-15, 2006 and December 18-22, 2006.**

These hearings will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

Applications to intervene and participate in this rate case must be filed no later than **June 1, 2006**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: James C. Swearengen, Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C., P.O. Box 456, 312 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

The Commission will hold local public hearings in this case to give customers of MGE an opportunity to comment on a rate request. The Commission will announce the dates, times and locations in a future order.

On May 2, 2006, MGE filed a natural gas rate request with the Public Service Commission seeking to increase revenues by approximately \$41.7 million a year (6.8%). MGE states the proposed increase for the average residential customer would be approximately \$6.52 a month.

MGE serves approximately 510,000 natural gas customers in western Missouri.